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# The Western MiSTiC

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## Induction Into Teaching Convo Begins Graduation Activities

Graduation activities will begin at MSTC on Wednesday, May 27, with a program for Induction into Teaching.

The presentation of teaching certificates and copies of the Teachers' Pledge to 118 students completing the degrees of Bachelor of Science or the Associate in Education will be made at convocation.

President O. W. Snarr will preside at the program.

Dr. Glendon D. Robbins, director of the professional divisions of the college, will speak on the professional preparation for teaching.

Mr. Walter Englund, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Educational Association has chosen the "Hippocratic Oath" as the topic for his address.

For the second time in the history of the college, the graduating class will repeat the Teachers' Pledge in unison. The Minnesota Teachers' Pledge was used as a part of the graduation events for the first time last year.

President Snarr will conclude the induction into the teaching profession.

Presentation of degrees to the graduates of 1953 will be made at the commencement program in Weld auditorium, Friday, June 5, at 10 a.m.

Dr. Byron D. Murray, director of upper divisions at MSTC, will present the bachelor-degree candidates.

Professor T. V. Smith of Syracuse university, Syracuse, New York, will be the guest speaker. Professor Smith

is a member of the faculty of Maxwell graduate schools of citizenship and public affairs at the University. His address is entitled, "The Surplusage of Values."

Invocation and benediction will be given by the Reverend William J. Durkin of the Catholic diocese, Fargo, North Dakota.

Miss Delsie M. Holmquist, director of lower divisions, will present the associate-degree candidates.

Resident director, O. B. Rusness, will award the degrees to the graduates.

The Baccalaureate sermon is scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday, May 31, in Weld auditorium. Reverend Willard W. Strahl, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fargo, will preach the sermon. Reverend Frederick S. Resch, Pastor of St. John's the Divine Episcopal church, Moorhead, will give the invocation and benediction.

## Thirteen Grey Gown Ushers Selected

The Grey Gown Ushers have been chosen for the approaching Baccalaureate Services, Sunday, May 31, and graduation, Friday, June 5.

These ushers are selected entirely on their scholarship ratio, and transfer students are chosen only on the grades they receive here at MS.

The ushers chosen for this year are Arland Brusven, Ronald Burnett, Merlen Erickson, Benjamin Hammond, Phyllis Hans, John Johansson, Jaroslav Kruta, Roger Murray, William Nelson, Delores Neumann, JoAnn Remester, Mark Schumm, and delle Sanden, Detroit Lakes; Doris Sheldstad, Alberta; Arlene Skretvedt, Eugene Sullivan.

## Complete Staff Listings For Institutes Announced

The complete staff listings have been made for the two teacher's institutes to be held at MSTC on June 1-6.

The Institute on Audio-Visual Instructional Materials is planned to help teachers develop skills so that they may use the audio-visual aids as effective learning devices. H. B. Addicott of the college geography department is the coordinator for the Institute.

Arnold C. Luce, state supervisor for visual and radio education, has

charge of the Institute and will conduct the classwork in the use of audio-visual materials. Erwin Welke, director of the University of Minnesota audio-visual extension film library, and Owen Johnson, state representative for Encyclopedia Britannica films will be the guest speakers on Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 and 4, and will provide films and filmstrip materials for previews and for use in the class.

The Teachers Guidance Institute is designed primarily for teachers, supervisors, and administrators in the elementary and secondary schools who are interested in an all-over consideration of guidance. Topics that will be considered are fundamental aspects of human growth and development; Minnesota cumulative record forms; student appraisal; counseling, organizing for more effective guidance; reading problems on the elementary and secondary levels; and teaching objectives in relation to the guidance concept.

The staff will consist of Miss Delsie Holmquist, director of the lower divisions at MSTC; Miss Marie Sorknes, division of professional education; Miss Alice Corneliusen, principal of the campus elementary school; Dr. Earl Foreman, director of admissions, records, and evaluation; Dr. Glendon Robbins, director of the professional division; and Miss Lois Ann Hanson, elementary supervisor.

Mr. Guy O. Tollerud, supervisor of occupational information and guidance of the state department of education, and Mr. T. A. Soldahl, counselor of the Hopkins public schools, Minneapolis, will serve as consultants. Mr. Ray R. Sorenson, MS placement director, will be the coordinator.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday morning, June 1, in the rooms scheduled for the meetings.

Each Institute carries two quarter hours of college credit and requires full time for each student.

## Sororities Leave Today on Annual Spring Lake Outings

by Pat Sullivan

The four sororities will leave today for what is known to them as one of the greatest weekends of the school year. The girls will leave on their annual pilgrimages about noon, hoping to reach their destination, the land of sunshine and complete relaxation, by nightfall.

The Beta Chi's will be docking at Johnson's cabins near Shoreham. Donna Martin, Donna Chartier, Janice Sargent, and Marlo Powers will be in charge of the food. Faye Williams is in charge of transportation.

Carolyn Leverson is chairman of the Gamma Nu trip. The Gams will be located at Leverson's cottage on



Having already donned her gown, Ida Orud offers Harvey Stewart a word of advice as he prepares to try his graduation cap and gown. The third graduating senior, Robert Trandem, encounters none of Harvey's difficulties in adjusting his gown. MiSTiC photo by Chuck Olson.

## MS Band Will Present Outdoor Concert, May 26

The MSTC Concert Band will present its annual promenade concert on the steps of Weld hall Tuesday, May 26, at 8 p.m. The outdoor band concert as a spring feature of the music department was started two years ago by Ray Votapka, director of the band. Last year he began the custom of each graduating instrumental music major conducting the band in a number. This year, Dewel Possehl, Mary Rumreich, and Alexander Stoffel have a chance to display their directing abilities.

In keeping with the promenade idea, the band's program will contain more marches than in the usual indoor-type concert. In addition to "The Southerner" by Alexander, "Crosley" by Fillmore, and "Lights Out" by McCoy, the band will play a number of concert marches which includes "Amparita Roca," a Spanish march

by Texidor; "Procession of Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakoff, to be directed by Stoffel; "Marche Slay" by Tschakowsky, from his "1812 Overture," and the modern "Triumphal March" by Shostakovich;

Miss Rumreich will conduct "River Jordan," a rhapsody by Whitney. Possehl will conduct the finale to "Death and Transfiguration" by Strauss.

Merlen Erickson will be backed by the band in his tuba solo, "Stars In The Velvety Sky," by Clarke. Possehl will solo in "Trumpeter's Lullaby" by Anderson.

Other numbers on the program include "Snow White Overture," music from the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by Churchill, arranged for concert band by Leidzen; "Nocturne" by Griselle; and "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise" by Alford.

## Strong Presentation of 'Elijah' Impresses And Pleases Audience

by Vic Purcell

Last Wednesday evening, in Weld auditorium, the MS choir, under the direction of Dr. H. Duane Harmon, and with the accompaniment of the F-M Symphony, sang Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, "The Elijah."

To say that "Elijah" was well received would be an understatement. The audience went away both pleased and impressed.

The choir as a group was strong, a quality which may have been a weak spot in the past, but which has now been turned into a virtue.

They responded well to Dr. Harmon's call and sustained the emotion, which kept building strongly and consistently throughout.

The male section of the choir seemed much stronger than in the past, and showed a good deal of improvement and polish. Since there are relatively few male voices, I think we should take our hats off to their good job.

The female voices in the choir were agreeable and seemed to sing without strain.

As soloist, Lois Leervig, singing the roles of the widow, and a soprano voice, displayed once again, her healthy voice.

Don Ellingson, in the role of Elijah the prophet, displayed remarkable

enunciation, and strength of tone that seems to be recently developed, and to good advantage.

Marlene Michel, an alto with remarkable depth to her voice, was a standout, as she sang the roles of the Angel and Queen Jezebel.

Van Smith, in the role of Obadiah, sang the tenor role nicely, carrying through professionally after an early mishap.

The F-M Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Harmon, was powerful but under control. I agree with another individual who commented on the orchestra's improved string section.

As the piano accompanist, Mary Rumreich, whose services are too often taken for granted, was superb.

Dr. Harmon was masterful as he guided the choir and the orchestra through the text. The total effect despite minor flaws, was a powerful piece of work, with the restraint necessary to build emotion.

## 'Literary Designs' to Be Released Monday

Literary Designs, the annual publication of Sigma Tau Delta, featuring student writings of prose and poetry, will be distributed to the faculty and the student body on Monday.

The magazine, which the editors estimate to be from 25 to 30 pages in length, will be placed in the post office area where students may pick one up without charge.

The fraternity will initiate a new policy in regard to surplus copies. There will be 600 copies printed with the extras being sent to recent fraternity alumni.

## Four-Year Grads Set Social Hour

The four-year graduates will hold a class social hour in the Student Center during the 11 o'clock period following convocation Wednesday, May 27. Light entertainment is planned. Traditional senior ceremonies (class will, etc.) will be held at this time.



The newness of their uniforms provides a big thrill for Roberta Erjevec and Janice Sherwin, members of the campus high school band, as they examine the details and decorations on their hard-earned new uniforms. MiSTiC photo by Chuck Olson.



## Spring Prom Orchestra Incident Unfortunate

Without a doubt, the failure of the prom orchestra to make its appearance last Friday night was an extremely unfortunate thing, casting unfavorable reflections upon the reputation of the orchestra in question. Not only did it have a chilling effect upon the party-minded prom goers, but also was extremely discouraging in the light of the determined efforts which have been made recently to improve the social functions offered the students at MSTC.

The focal point of these efforts during the past quarter has been a consistent schedule of Wednesday evening social hours in addition to the special events which arise. These social hours were planned to provide an enjoyable time for everyone by a varied program — swimming, whist tournaments, square dancing, and other pastimes, as well as social dancing.

We feel that a good start has been made in this project. The social commissioner and his workers have our approval and support in their efforts.

This year's spring prom has long been publicized as the big social event of the year. A wave of enthusiasm brought the suggestion that a big name dance band be hired to provide the music and really make the prom a big deal. When a survey of student opinion showed that such a move was too big a step to take at the present time, a compromise was reached.

It goes without saying that a lot of time, preparation, and individual work went into arranging this year's prom. The most important change was

reserving the Top of the Mart at the Frederick Martin hotel as the spot for the dance instead of falling back on the old stand-by, the big gym. This setting added much to the festive spirit and the general appeal of the prom.

Most effective was the job done in building up student enthusiasm for the prom. The large crowd which packed the Top of the Mart was sufficient evidence of this fact. As upperclassmen may recall, enthusiasm and the resulting attendance at some of the proms in the past has been anything but encouraging.

As things happened, the disappointment of not having the orchestra on hand did not ruin the dance. Under the circumstances, everything worked out quite well. Elsewhere in this issue is an open letter to the students and faculty at MSTC from Jerry Miksche, the social commissioner, explaining the situation up to the present moment.

The MiSTiC offers its support to the social commissioner in this matter. At the same time we wish to commend the efforts which have been made toward a more satisfying social program, and the excellent work which was done in preparation for this prom. To the individuals responsible, the Student Commission, the social commissioner, the faculty members who have worked on the project, and the students whose cooperation is essential, we offer our congratulations and our encouragement in continuing the excellent beginnings which have been made.

## Commission Sets Rules For Homecoming Contests

The Student Commission has announced the following rules and regulations governing the 1953 Homecoming queen campaign and float contest:

### A. Queen Candidates

1. The candidate must be an upperclassman that is, sophomore, junior, or senior. The candidate must have attended MSTC at least three quarters.
2. The candidate must have at least a 1.0 scholastic rating.
3. Each organization may sponsor one girl.
4. Independent candidates may run on petition with a total of thirty (30) signers being required.
5. Students signing petitions thereby accept the responsibility of the candidate's campaign.
6. Students may sign one petition only.
7. All petitions will be checked for duplication.
8. Duplication of any name will automatically cancel both petitions.
9. Names of organizations sponsoring candidates and those run on petition must be filed with the secretary of the Student Commission by four (4) o'clock, Wednesday, September 30, 1953, in the Commission room 113. A picture of the candidate should also be available for printing in the papers.

### B. Campaign

1. Campaigning will start Monday morning, October 5, 1953, at 8 a.m. and continue through Wednesday morning, October 7, 1953, at 11 a.m.
2. Campaign material must not be tacked on walls with anything except masking tape.
3. Under no circumstances will campaign material be allowed in classrooms, library, or Weld auditorium.
4. No campaign material will be allowed in the campus school or book store.
5. The posting of campaign literature in dormitories is dependent upon the governing bodies of the respective dormitories.
6. Campaign space in the windows of the Student Center will be allotted by the chairman of the queen affairs committee. Watch all school bulletins for the time of this drawing.
7. Any campaign literature sent through the post office must be checked and cleared with the person in charge of the post office. Campaign materials are to be distributed in the boxes by members supporting the various candidates.
8. Sound equipment may be used only when classes are not in session. Also, they will be used no earlier than 8 a.m. and no later than 8 p.m.
9. All campaigning must cease and materials must be down by 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, 1953, before the polls open.

### C. Election

1. Polls will open, Wednesday, October 7, 1953, at 11 a.m. and balloting will continue until 4 p.m. of that same day.

### D. Floats

1. Expenses for floats must not exceed \$25.00.
2. Floats do not necessarily have to follow the Homecoming slogan.
3. Receipts for all float expenditures must be turned into the treasurer of the Student Commission by the treasurer of each organization by Friday, October 9, 1953.



## Baseball, Golf, Fishing, Get Royce Sanner's Vote

by Ron Burnett

Royce Sanner is counting on being drafted; in fact, he is going to have his name moved up on the draft list. According to Royce, he, "can't wait to get in." There is a certain uniform appeal that makes the prospect of army life seem more likable.

Like most of the seniors, Royce is not letting his future bother him. In fact he has already made some plans for his life out of the service. It just might be school, and then again, it might be business.

Royce, a major in social studies, is 22, and not married, as he told me with some force. And he has no plans either, for marriage that is. He is fundamentally a materialist. This is one thing that his four years here at MS taught him.

Four years at MS seemed to have done more for Royce than he is willing to admit. Royce is a member of the AE's, of Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Tau Delta, Dragon Masquers, ex-business manager of the MiSTiC. He is listed in Who's Who in American College and Universities, and has been a member of the Student Commission.

Royce, who hails from Lancaster, Minnesota, says that it seemed like the natural thing to do when he came to MS four years ago. Up in Lancaster, MS is well known, and so it was nothing strange for him so decide to come here.

He wouldn't tell me why, but one of the most interesting experiences that Royce had while he was a freshman was a debate trip. In fact he is inclined to list it as one of the most interesting experiences of his whole college career.

Royce shoots in the "late ninties" in golf, which is one of his favorite sports. But you have to have the right attitude to really play the game. He believes in relaxing as he walks around the green, but at the same time trying to shoot a pretty good game. One should not take the thing too seriously, nor should one be satisfied with a poor game. None-the-less, Royce admits that his attitude does depend to some extent on his score.

When it comes to spectator sports, Royce likes a "heckuva good baseball game." And then, if there is no good

baseball, he would just as soon go fishing.

After serving on the MiSTiC, Royce has become a firm advocate of advertising. In fact he sometimes thinks that it is the most interesting part of the paper. There were financial reasons for this comment, and he re-emphasized the fact that he was basically a materialist.

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE By The Public Eye

After reviewing the material published under this heading during the past two years, I've come to the conclusion the space used was not like the columns Samson took up that brought the house down.

Overheard in Ballard hall:  
"How do you like my room?"  
"As a whole, it's fine. As a room, not so hot."  
(Application of the above is not limited).

Another sign of financial difficulties at this time of the year was several individuals digging intently through the sand of cigarette dispensers in MacLean. The penny bubblegum machine is also outselling the bookstore candy counter.

From the Dragon Dictionary...  
Monologue: conversation with a

## in the mailbag

To the Students and Faculty:

Friday was quite a blow, the prom that is. Immediately upon finding out that the orchestra was not here, I called Bruce Dybvig in Minneapolis, and to make the situation more ironic, I pulled him off the bandstand.

He was quite shocked about the situation. He wouldn't commit himself at that time, so Mr. Thurber, Bill Nelson and I called him on Saturday morning. He said, "I will make a statement to the student body."

We haven't heard from him yet so we cannot promise anything definite. One thing is definite. Dybvig was playing at the Prom ballroom and not here.

In closing I would like to suggest a note of thanks to the F-M hotel and staff for their co-operation through the course of the evening.

Sincerely yours,  
Jerry Miksche  
Social Commissioner

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# MS Dragons Edge Wahpeton, 2-1, 3-1; Boast 9-1 Record in Over-All Play

by Howard Heil

The Dragons moved one notch closer to winning their second conference title by edging a stubborn Wahpeton Science nine, 2-1 and 3-1, in a double header Monday.

M. S. has a 9-1 record in over-all play and a 6-0 record in conference play.

In racking up conference victories five and six, the Dragons managed to collect only seven hits. Of the seven, two where all that could be picked up in the 3-1 final.

The M.S. pitchers, Varriano and Wilcox, were just as stingy as Moochy gave up only five hits in picking up his second win of the season and Wilcox twirled a neat three-hit job in the afterpiece.

The first game was as close as the score indicates as; it was a scoreless ball game going into the fifth inning. Then Wahpeton bunched three hits for their only run of the game. Up to the fifth inning only one man had reached base off Varriano.

The Dragons had men on base in every inning, but poor base running kept them from scoring. Boumont, the Science pitcher, picked two men off second and one of first to stop MS rallies.

The Varriano brothers actually spelled defeat for Wahpeton. It was 'Moochy's' single that started things off in the two-run sixth. Pryzbilla was put in to run for him and after he was balked down to second, Lenny dumped one into right field for the tying run. An error by the third baseman allowing the ball to get past him on the throw in-plated Varriano for the winning run.

Wilcox came into the game in the seventh inning to retire the side.

Jere Cooper, the veteran second baseman, handled nine chances in the double-header with out a miscue.

In the second game, Jack Wilcox pitched three hit ball, struck out eleven, and didn't walk a man.

Rettig, the Wahpeton pitcher, spoiled

ed Wilcox's shutout by singling home Tomlinson from second in the fifth inning.

Red Gran and Norm Pryzbilla bat-

ted in the MS tallies. Pryzbilla hit a homerun in the fourth inning that traveled far down the running track to give the game an exciting moment.



"Don't slide," signals Captain Mac Dahl as a runner approaches home plate. Another score is added in the Dragons' climb toward another Steve Gorman Trophy League championship. Coach T. Edison Smith watches in the foreground. MISTIC photo by Arland Brusven.

## The Ferris Wheel

by Pat Ferris

As spring athletics at MSTC move slowly into their closing stages, many thoughts are suddenly pushed ahead to next fall and gridiron plans.

On September 1, about noon, the Dragon football team will be pulling out for their training camp near Brainerd, Minn. This camp proved to be worthwhile this year in aiding the team to win a co-championship in the Minnesota Teachers College Conference.

Last fall, Fritz Bierhaus did a remarkable job of coaching the team by himself. He had to devote a tremendous amount of time to the team this season, but things will be different next year.

T. Edison Smith has agreed to help Fritz train and coach the thirty men who make the trip to camp next fall.

Although the 1953 squad will be minus nine lettermen from this year's roster, it will still have a strong nucleus of lettermen back.

They include Don Anderson, Lew Johnson, Dick Cunningham, Pat Ferris, Ron Noeson, Richard Norby, DeWayne Kurpius, Russ Dahl, Ed Rishel, Mooch Varriano, Leonard Varriano, Bud Cornforth, Norm Pryzbilla, Gene Sullivan, and co-captains Jim Johnson and Eddie Raymond.

Others which helped the team this year but who did not earn a letter were Don Setter, Gene Frisco, John Kittleson, and Dareld Hirschev.

## League Standings

STEVE GORMAN TROPHY LEAGUE STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pct.
MSTC	6	0	1.000
Concordia	7	1	.875
Mayville TC	4	2	.667
Jamestown	5	3	.625
NDAC	4	4	.500
Valley City TC	0	6	.000
Wahpeton Science	0	8	.000

Monday the MSTC Dragons meet the Cobbers from Concordia in a double header that should decide the league championship. The Cobbers, previous to yesterday's game, had lost but one contest and are the only team in the league that can give the Dragons serious trouble. The games are scheduled as a Cobber home affair but it may be played here.

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# SHORT STORIES

by Don Short

Maybe it's true that old soldiers only fade away and do not die, but maybe it's even more true that if old prophets never die, they only smell that way. The stench from this corner is the result of the violent passing of an unsuccessful foreteller of the future. Mr. Marciano, apparently having never heard of this column, and even more apparently not caring if he did, did his best last Friday to commit our efforts at extrasensory perception to an early grave. He did so by scoring one of the quickest knock-outs in professional title history as he tapped the grand old man, Walcott, into belated oblivion.

Walcott himself did not seem to be interested in upholding either the prestige of this writer or himself as he spent his fifth attempt at a challenge seated upon that part of the anatomy that is the natural contact point when one rests semi-upright. The fellow who has made a career out of challenging people to fisticuffs thus found himself hopelessly and forever out of a job as he collected his 250 thousand dollars for two minutes and twenty-five seconds of work, the last ten of which he spent in rest. We cannot begrudge the old man this ten second respite for he has undoubtedly spent more time upright in the ring than any other one man. It is only fair that he should be allowed to rest. We would have appreciated it more, however, if he had waited a few rounds to do it. After all, he was supposed to win.

Walcott's epitaph was written by

Marciano. We will now write ours; Here Lies The Remains of a Dead Prophet, Who Found Out Too Late That Silence Can Be A Virtue.

SHORT-counts... Fritz ought to have a good track team next year. The returnees, with the help of freshman, should form a well rounded aggregation. The nucleus is there... Just a guess, but it does not look as though our basketball team is going to set the world on fire next year. Not much material coming in... There'll be no joy in Flatbush this fall if the Dodgers keep playing as they are now... Milwaukee may be the place to be this fall if the Braves cop the pennant. Lot of celebration to be had in that town... Shed a tear for Rukavina. He missed that fight too.



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## GREYHOUND



## Music Notes from Across the Circle

by Jan Levenson

The MS choir, minus seniors, will make its last appearance at Baccalaureate, Sunday night, May 31. They will sing "Panis Angelicus" by Franck, with Lois Leevig as soloist, and "Hearken, Ye That Follow After Righteousness" by DeLemarter.

Mary Rumreich, graduating senior from the music department, presented two groups of pupils in piano recitals this past week. Last Saturday the recital was held at West Fargo, and Wednesday, another group performed in Ingleside.

Tau Chi Mu, campus music club, held a meeting last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Christianson of Dragon Terrace. Gerry is Tau Chi Mu prexy.

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